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1. SAG Ponders Air Defense Requirements. A special committee of Saudi Army and Air Force officers and USMTM and DOD experts concluded its meetings on February 1 after a week's review of Saudi Arabian air defense requirements. The Saudis on the committee in preparing their final report regrettably

avoiding recommending which of the two types of American interceptor aircraft, which the report had described, SAG should purchase. Among the important recommendations of the report on which they concurred however were the Kingdom's need for radar, a modern and wide-spread communications system, anti-aircraft equipment and purchase of U.S. F-86 aircraft on loan to SAG since November 1962. The Saudis also agreed with the report's recommendation that acquisition of surface-to-air missiles be postponed pending the establishment of the radar, communications and effective development of the Royal Saudi Air Force as primary defensive instrument.
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